

**Northern Virginia Regional
Local Human Rights Committee
Monday October 2, 2006 at 6:30pm
NVTC, Building #1, Executive Conference Room**

Committee Members:	Status	Committee Members:	Status
Amy Ashley	present	Ann Pascoe	present
Mary Griffith	<u><i>absent</i></u>	A. Michelle Petrini	present
W. Bruce Jennings	excused	Suzanne Schuler	excused
Denise Kaffka	<u><i>absent</i></u>	Human Rights Advocate	Status
Norma Lester	present	Deb Lochart	present

General Attendance: Center for Multicultural Human Services- Rebecca Gaba, Recovery Center of NOVA- Desi Farren and David Semanco, Family Preservation Services, Inc.- Elise Madison.

Meeting Minutes:

June and September meeting minutes reviewed and not approved due to a lack of a quorum. Both meeting minutes will be placed on the November meeting agenda.

Renewed affiliated program update: Ethos Foundation, Inc.: review of letter to Ethos Foundation, Inc. No corrections noted and will be mailed the following day.

Member update: No new applications received by HR Advocate. HR Advocate requests a current copy of the Roster- Chair will email to HR Advocate. Updated Roster has removed Member “affiliation” information and only the Human Rights Advocate and the SHRC will have this information.

Programs to Present: Center for Multicultural Human Services- Rebecca Gaba presented information and materials on her program. It was noted by the Committee that CMHS provides and extensive array of services. Recovery Center of NOVA- Desi Farren and Davis Semanco provided hand outs and discussion regarding services provided by their agency. Family Preservation Services, Inc.- Elise Madison provided hand outs and information regarding services provided by her agency. **Communication w/ LHRC:** Human Writes Newsletter Issue 4, now available. RSVP for October 21st training: Members will be emailed a reminder and requested to respond via email with an RSVP for both the training and the proposed LHRC annual dinner. Chair will send emails.

Advocates Report: New Advocate for the LHRC is Deb Lochart. No Formal or Informal complaints information filed available. The HR Advocate will follow up with the LHRC as necessary.

Mandatory Annual Meeting in November: Meeting agenda was reviewed and approved by those present. No corrections noted. Lengthy discussion regarding the various topics to be discussed at the Mandatory Annual Meeting and handouts to be provided. Chair will print and photo copy sufficient amounts for distribution at the Mandatory Annual Meeting. Mass Mailing information was also reviewed. Chair will compile and mail. Location of meeting discussed.

Sub-Committee/ Bylaws update: Due to a lack of a quorum, approval of the new bylaws will be tabled to the November meeting. The new HR Advocate was provided a copy Once

approved by the LHRC, submit to SHRC for approval.

Old Business: as above.

New Business: It was requested that all Committee members be emailed a copy of the directions to the Mandatory Annual Meeting since the location has been changed from NVTC (due to lack of space/ a large enough room). The Mandatory Annual meeting will be held at Carlos O'Kelly's Mexican Café location on Main Street in Fairfax.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday November 6, 2006 at 6:30pm and will be at Carlos O'Kelly's Mexican Café 9959 Main Street Fairfax, VA 22031